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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR SCOTES TO CONGRESSMAN JOHN D DINGELL, 16TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN:

"YOUR QUERY ON THE DEATH OF MOHAMMED MUSAID WAS ANSWERED BY LETTERS TO BOTH YOU AND YOUR CONSTITUENT (MR MUSAID'S SON) WHICH WERE SENT ON APRIL 23, 1975, TWO DAYS AFTER THE EMBASSY RECEIVED THE QUERY. I HOPE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED OUR REPLY. HOWEVER, SINCE MAIL TO AND FROM SANA IS EXCEPTIONALLY SLOW (YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 23 ARRIVED 14 MAY), WE ARE REPEATING THE INFORMATION SENT TO YOU BY LETTER. MR MUSAID WAS SHOT BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS IN HIS VILLAGE JANUARY 30. HE WAS TAKEN TO THE REPUBLICAN HOSPITAL IN TAIZ, WHERE HE DIED OF HIS WOUNDS ON FEBRUARY 1, 1975. WE CANNOT CONFIRM OR DENY HIS SON'S STATEMENT THAT MR MUSAID WAS KILLED BY "REBEL FORCES". MR MUSAID LIVED IN AN AREA OF YEMEN IN WHICH TERRORISTS, ORGANIZED AND SUPPORTED BY THE REGIME IN THE NEIGHBORING PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN, HAVE BEEN ACTIVE. THE AREA ALSO SUFFERS FROM A HIGH LEVEL OF PERSONAL AND TRIBAL VIOLENCE IN WHICH NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ARE KILLED EACH YEAR. WE CANNOT CONFIDENTLY JUDGE WHETHER MR MUSAID DIED AT THE HANDS OF THE TERRORISTS OR HE WAS THE VICTIM OF AN ACT OF PERSONAL OR TRIBAL VIOLENCE." **SCOTES**

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